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REMARKS

Applicants submit this Third Supplemental Preliminary Amendment in response to the Notification of Defective Response (mailed September 1, 2006).

The Notification of Defective Response alleges that the compact disc copy of the Sequence Listing is not the same as the computer readable form of the Sequence Listing. Thus, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") has required applicants to provide a substitute paper or compact disc copy of the Sequence Listing, as well as an amendment directing its entry into the application.

In compliance with the USPTO's request and with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.52(e)(4) and 1.825(a), applicants have submitted herewith *two*, substitute compact disc copies of the Sequence Listing, labeled as "COPY 1 REPLACEMENT (09/18/2006)" and "COPY 2 REPLACEMENT (09/18/2006)." The Sequence Listing contained in each of the substitute compact disc copies has been saved in ASCII text format.

In compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.825(b), applicants hereby submit a substitute copy of the computer readable form of the Sequence Listing, labeled "COPY 3 (for 371 cases) REPLACEMENT (09/18/2006)." The Sequence Listing contained in this computer readable form copy of the substitute Sequence Listing has been saved in ASCII text format.

Further, as required by 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.825(a) and (b), applicants have submitted herewith Statements Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.825, stating that the Sequence Listing content of the two, substitute compact disc copies are supported by the application as originally filed and contain no new matter, and further that the substitute copy of the Sequence Listing in computer readable form is identical to the substitute compact disc copies of the Sequence Listing submitted herewith.

In view of the above amendment to the specification, the Statements Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.825, and the accompanying Response to the Notification of Defective Response, applicants respectfully submit that this case is complete and ready for examination by the USPTO, and such examination is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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